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SIX FT. RATTLER FALLS BEFORE SHOVEL AND AXE

Newly appointed canteen steward Earl Bell had quite an experience during his last day in the woods. It seems there was a diamond back rattler, six foot long, neatly fanged, and having twelve rattles plus a button.

Earl was driving a truck when he spied the rattler crossing the road. Arming himself with an axe steward Bell went forth to do battle with the snake tribe member. Our hero heaved his axe but nervousness deflected his aim and the intended victim was unharmed. Returning to the truck Bell re-armed with another axe, a shovel and a stone; again he sallied forth to do battle. With all this fighting paraphernalia in the hands of a C.C.C. lad who didn't know the word "fear," the reptile didn't have a chance.

The shovel struck amidships, the axe decapitated Mr. R., and the rock was tossed for good measure. Said Mr. Bell, on return: "I was just too much for him."

PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE OF P-67

THIS ISSUE

Because a good newspaper seeks always to improve itself, this issue reveals minor changes -- intended improvements.

Biggest change, perhaps, is in the paper on which the CHEER is printed. Mimeograph paper is more satisfactory for use from the mechanical viewpoint. From the pocket-book's view, however, we find mimeo paper too dear. And so we have shifted to newsprint. It is thin and the ink does flow through in spots, we admit.

But this latter fact wouldn't be noticed unless we called attention to it. And so our newspaper, from this edition, will be printed on newsprint.

Second change is evidenced by the increase in number of pages.

Third change: Cartoon sketched by the old master, M. Rannou.

Fourth change: Cov-
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CO. 453 SETS GOOD RECORD IN WOODS

The past record, present situation, and future set-up of our own Forest Service unit presents an enviable goal for other Florida C.C.C. camps and offers P-67 enrollees a chance to hold their heads high.

Ten and sixteen foot fire line breakers have laid paths since June, 1934, that would more than reach from Olustee to Jacksonville and back -- better than 40 miles of each width of break. If eight-foot breaks were laid in a straight line P-67 men would have cleared a path between here and Miami and return, having covered a distance of 888 miles. Fire lanes of a 20 foot width total 61 miles.

And we have our high life! Two CCC-built towers have reared their heads, one of wood, 65 feet, and the
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EDITORIALS . . .

SPORTSMANSHIP . . .

We can say truthfully that our ball club appreciated the support that was received from the members of our camp during the game with Homerville last Sunday. It was by far the best demonstration of loyalty that has been shown in a long time. Since both teams played a clean game of ball there were no hard feelings between the members and players of either camp.

That was good clean sportsmanship, the kind that makes you love the game, and respect your opponent. But who could have respect for the parties that searched the pockets of and destroyed some of the Homerville boys' clothes? Who could have respect for the individuals who in a moment of selfish, petty power tore down the curtain of their own stage?!

We would like to point out the fact that there was nothing smart about the actions of these men and the camp would be better off without that kind of "sport" -- in fact the camp will be without them if they continue such practices.

If you were at the game, "woofing" and giving your team support, then good; if you were connected with the other incident then shame on you.---P.M.

IT'S UP TO YOU!

The Civilian Conservation Corps is much like an auto mobile proving ground where cars are put through the roughest tests imaginable.

You've all seen pictures of the autos hurtling through space, skidding around turns, plunging from cliffs. Why have a proving ground? Simply because the car manufacturers want to know if their product can "stand the gaff."

A car on a proving ground or a man in the C.C.C. that "can take it" gets an Honorable Discharge.

The man who doesn't make "the grade" in the 3-Cs won't make the grade in life -- that's certain -- for the 3-Cs is life. --RG.

CO. 453 SETS GOOD RECORD IN THE WOODS (Cont. from p.1)

other, steel, 80 feet. Thanks to P-67 foremen and members the locality has been unified by 17 miles of telephone lines. Fourteen miles of truck trails make much raw stump-jumping and creek-crossing a thing of the past.

Despite an occasional low company strength 29,652 man hours have been invested by P-67 in the business of saving forests since June, 1934. And this figure doesn't include 2,207 man days given to the Eastport C.C.C. camp for fire protection purposes.

Eight sturdy trucks have totalled 152,000 miles in two years of service. Each truck has travelled a distance to three-quarters of the way around the World. Two tractors have pulled stumps, trees, graders and plows for twenty-four hundred hours. Until eight months ago, when the heavy tractor arrived, all stumps were dynamited, involving from the beginning some seven or eight thousand pounds of explosive material.

Supplementing the machine shop that until now has done all the mechanical repairing on equipment is a new building, now under construction, 20' x 28'. (See next col.)

Just by way of being usefully unique the members of P-67 have planted 401 acres of tiny trees for the various cooperators of this unit. The little trees were grown at the State Nursery near this camp. Last winter saw the collection of 300 bushels of pine seed cones. Along with the work at the nursery has gone the production of roofing. One hundred thousand hand drawn and riven cypress shingles have been turned out by members of this camp. Roofs of the buildings at the nearby State Nursery and the O'Lena Camp, state recreational project on the Santa Fe River, near High Springs, turn back the rain-drops thanks to C.C.C. shingles produced by P-67.

Forest Service equipment and materials in use at P-67 represent an initial cost investment of \$18,000.

An inkling to the future of P-67 may be noted in the fact that 50,000 acres of nearby land remain yet unworked.

MIDDLETON SECURES JOB

Ray Middleton, longtime canteen steward of Co. 453, left camp yesterday to take a position with the Eli Witt Tobacco Co. in Bradenton.

Earl Bell, Tampa, has been appointed as co. canteen steward.

SNAKE SKINNING SCENE UPSETS SEVERAL SYSTEMS

Several members of this company lost their appetite for a fine meal, recently, after watching Mr. Miller of the Forest Service skin a four foot timber rattler. The rattler was killed by one of the leaders and brought in for exhibition at the Safety Meeting.

After the snake was viewed by the class Mr. Miller decided to make a belt out of the skin. Those men who witnessed the skinning of the snake had a "bird's-eye-view" of the interior workings of a member of the reptile family. Mr. Miller offers to skin any sizeable snakes that are brought into camp.

BUNNY CROSSES BAR

A small rabbit captured by one of the enrollees and brought into camp, last week, just couldn't take it.

He was rescued from the jaws of a big black snake and after arriving in camp was taken over by Mr. Griffin who fed him milk and water with an eyedropper. Although the camp doctor was called in on the case Mr. Bunny decided that life in the CCC was too hard. Accordingly he went over the hill to the hereafter of rabbits where there are no black snakes or eyedroppers.

INFIRMARY ITEMS	WE WONDER?	FUTURE C. O.
There are still quite a few cases of Nasopharyngitis lingering around the infirmary. In case you don't know what that word is, it's the technical term for "Goldbricking." -o- Sewell has a bad case of Tonsillitis but should soon be well as he receiving excellent treatment at the hands of Padgett & Coker. -o-	Why "Shorty" gets so much extra duty? Who that fellow is that wears knickers in camp? Which barrack leader is it that sleeps so late? What made 'doc' think he was a truck driver? What gets Charlie L. so hard-boiled at times? --The Invisible Man	We have in camp a future Army officer, the son of Lieut. J.H. Payne. Wallie, for that is his name, is the smallest man in camp, being about 2 ft. 11 inches. It is surprising that we don't hear him called Shorty. Wallie has not gone to the woods yet -- that would be beneath the dignity of the future of a general or something. Wallie is a ping-pong enthusiast and he can be seen trimming Bugler Casey in his every-morning work-outs. Even tho' Wallie has not an extensive vocabulary, he usually manages to put his ideas across. Here's hoping Wally is commanding officer of his own C.C.C. camp some sweet day.
"Doc" Faison's name should go down in history as a great chemist in return for the wonderful cough syrup he had Padgett to make. -o- If the boys would see Padgett & Coker upon their return from town after pay-day nights we shouldn't have so many men going to Ft. Screven. -o-	Who is the little girl that keeps busy as a bee (Bea) making candy for her C.C.C. blonde (Bing-Crosby). Strobel has a brand-new, spic and span truck. That means more trips to the showers to keep it that way. It's a pity it wasn't that fellow's jaw-bones he sprained, instead of his ankle. Fun no end, eh wet?	THIS ISSUE (Cont. from p.1) erage of sports. Don't miss the write-up of the ball game. Drop your suggestions, criticisms, and contributions in the camp mail box, care of the "Editor". We'll use all that are "fit to print." --The Staff
Having sick call before breakfast should cut down the number of patients on the sick book since we won't have so many cases of trouble from overeating. -o- The Infirmary station, C-O-K-E-R, is "squealing" fine, thank-you. --Infirmary Ned	'Bulger: (on horse-shoe court) "Yeah, I got eliminated." Clifton R. Peters: (a little ways off) "What's 'at? Where's that 'lar lemonade?" These calf-chasers (after dark) better look out they don't get screw worm. "Says !" --	FLORIDA DRY CLEANERS Leaders in Low Prices & Quality of Service Special attention ... to CCC work ... "WE KEEP THE SPOTS" Ph. 96 J - Lake City

LET'S BE HEALTHY

The foods and habits of our mother determine whether we are born with a good start toward a good set of teeth. After birth it is the foods we eat and later the care of the teeth that means either healthy gums and teeth or diseased gums and teeth.

Diseased gums and rotten teeth lead to halitosis and leaves an opening for many diseases to enter our body.

The teeth are composed chiefly of calcium and phosphorus and this is supplied through the blood. Therefore we should eat foods which have enough of these elements to make good sound teeth. The diet of the average citizen today is lacking in these two elements.

Milk, cheese, butter, codliver oil, and our old friend Spinach, are the richest supplies and should be eaten all thru life. Vitamins from oranges, tomatoes, and other fresh vegetables supply healthy gums.

Brush your teeth at least once daily; massage your gums while brushing the teeth.

Clean healthy gums keep diseases of the mouth away.--TG Faison

SPORTS

VICTORY IS SWEET ...

Homerville lost its first game of the league series to Co. 453, last Sunday, at the O-lustee diamond, and gave Hardee his third win of the season out of four games pitched by him.

Up to the eighth inning it looked as though our company was going down; two men were away in the last of the eighth and there were no men on base. Then Bell started fireworks with a terrific smash to left field, good for three bases. McDowell singled to left scoring Bell. Britt laid down a hard drive to the hot spot; the third baseman muffed this one, allowing McDowell to come to third. Britt held up on second base.

Next up was Murray, and he walked forcing McDowell home; the bases were then full. Rosenda also secured a walk from the Homerville hurler-first baseman, Paulk. Lundblom made an infield hit which scored Britt. Hardee came up next, walked, scoring Murray and giving us a two run lead.

In the first of the ninth Homerville sent in a pinch hitter, Tucker, who struck out. Fleming, next up, grounded to Rosenda who threw him out at first. Two away. Brown hit a high fly ball to the pitcher ending the game.

Score: Co. #453 - 5; Co. #1441 - 3. Hardee pitched another nice game; Bell started the rally in the eighth and made two hits in three times at bat; Rosenda, at short, got two hits and a walk in four times at bat.

Horseshoe singles are being played off at present; doubles will follow. After horseshoes will come ping-pong singles and doubles, then intra-barrack volley and diamond ball.

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